

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/052,900
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In the Title:

Please replace the entire title with the following:

A System and Method for Facilitating Electronic Procurement Based on Negotiated Contracts

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In the specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

1. Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following in which additions are shown with underlining and there are no deletions:

[0001] This Application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/262,799 filed on January 19, 2001. The invention relates to electronic procurement conducted between a host and a user via a communication network including unitary networks and distributed networks such as the Internet.

2. Please replace paragraph [0110] with the following in which additions are shown with underlining and there are no deletions:

[0110] Web-document 500 also employ data fields 550, 560 that are designed to accept data input by the user that is passed to host web-site 300 (FIG. 3). While data fields 550, 560 in web-document 500 are arranged to receive numerical input, other data fields employed by other web-documents (not shown in FIG. 5) may accept text input. Pull-down menus 552 may also be activated by the user to pass information to host web-site 300, however the information in this case, while selectable by the user, is constrained to pre-set choices.

3. Please replace paragraph [0121] with the following, in which additions are shown with underlining and deletions are shown with double brackets due to the short nature of the deletions:

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[0121] Web-document 500 displays other dynamic elements including part numbers 522, set spending limits 526, available spending amount 529 ~~[[530]]~~, inventory or item availability information 528, and item pricing 524 as indicated in FIG. 5. As described above with listed items 520, these other elements are selected according to variable criteria and selection methodologies.

4. Please replace paragraph [0125] with the following in which additions are shown with underlining and deletions are shown with double brackets due to the short nature of the deletions:

[0125] The information stored in electronic shopping basket 140 may be utilized as a dynamic element in the web-document representation of the electronic shopping basket. The shopping basket web-document 800 is depicted in FIG. 8. The shopping basket web-document 800 is similar in form and design to web-document 500 depicted in FIG. 5. Buttons 810, icons 815 and 816, informative text 830, and other fixed elements are displayed and fields 860, 826, 828 and ~~[[830]]~~ 850 are provided for the display of dynamic elements. Web-document 800 displays other dynamic elements including part numbers 822, order total 826, quantity 850, inventory or item availability information 828, and item pricing 824 as indicated in FIG. 8.

5. Please replace paragraph [0142] with the following in which additions are shown with underlining and deletions in this paragraph are shown with double brackets due to the short nature of the deletions:

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[0142] At decision block 1480, if a report is required by the user, then control transfers to block 1492 and on-line or offline reporting is performed according to selected report formats. At decision block 1494, if [[If]] on-line reporting is employed, then control is returned to block 1460 and the appropriate web-document with desired report information is authored and served to the user. If on-line reporting is employed, then off-line reports are prepared and delivered to the user as indicated in block 1496.